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SUBJECT: DJIBOUTI: EAC 11/02/2004

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[11](#). (C) Post convened a core meeting of the Emergency Action Committee (EAC) on 02 November, 2004 to review recent threat reporting from US Military sources. The EAC discussed the potential of attacks on western targets and the addition of needed security measures to mitigate the threat. Potential targets in Djibouti include the Embassy, the U.S. Military Base Camp Lemonier, and frequented establishments in the downtown area. In addition, the EAC addressed the potential risk of personal attacks to American and other Western civilians.

[12](#). (S/NF) The core EAC was composed of the Ambassador, RSO, COS, USLO, FPO and U.S. Military J2X. Due to the sensitivity of HUMINT controlled sources, the EAC cannot reference a particular report at this time, but will immediately notify the Department as soon as a releasable report is published. On 11/02/2004, US Military sources received information indicating that a terrorist attack is being planned for execution within the next 48 hours against US Military and/or Coalition forces either in Djibouti and/or Ethiopia. The source providing the information is still being vetted for credibility, but the information remains inconclusive and cannot be corroborated. The methods, personnel, resources and operational planning is unknown at this time. In light of coinciding events to include the Presidential elections, troop movements in the region, ongoing US Military operations in Iraq and the approaching end of Ramadan, the EAC believes that the possibility for such an attack is greater now than ever before. Due to non-specific information and the questionable credibility of the source, the EAC has decided not to notify the American community of the threat until the information can be corroborated.

[13](#). (C) The EAC agreed that current physical security measures at the Embassy remain sufficient to deter or disrupt an attack. In light of the general threat during the Presidential elections the Host Nation has increased its special Police presence around the Embassy during peak hours as an added security measure. Mission personnel have been at a heightened level for a period of time and are carrying out appropriate personal security measures. Military representatives from Camp Lemonier are aware of the current threat and will take measures IAW their SOPs. In addition, liberty has been restricted for the next 48 hours and joint US/Djiboutian Military patrols will be increased. Coalition forces will be apprised of the threat IAW National Security Information standards.

[14](#). (U) POC is RSO Marc Ramos at 253-35-39-95 ext. 2307 or 253-35-09-49 (secure).  
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